

441—187.11 (234) Eligibility. A monthly stipend may be provided to a youth receiving aftercare services who left foster care after May 1, 2006, and who meets all of the following criteria:

187.11(1) *Ineligibility for foster care.* The youth must be ineligible for voluntary foster care placement under 441—Chapter 202.

187.11(2) *Foster care experience.* The youth must:

a. Leave foster care paid for by the state under Iowa Code section 234.35 on or after the youth's eighteenth birthday; and

b. Have been in foster care paid for by the state under Iowa Code section 234.35 in at least 6 of the last 12 months before the youth left foster care.

187.11(3) *Living arrangement.* The youth must have a living arrangement other than a parent's home, which may include a former foster family, an apartment, a college dormitory, or another approved arrangement. The program administrator or designee is responsible for approving the living arrangement.

187.11(4) *Activity.* The youth must meet one or more of the following criteria:

a. Be enrolled in or actively pursuing enrollment in a postsecondary education or training program or work training;

b. Be employed for 80 hours per month or be actively seeking that level of employment; or

c. Be attending an accredited school full-time pursuing a course of study leading to a high school diploma; or

d. Be attending an instructional program leading to a high school equivalency diploma.

187.11(5) *Financial need.* Initial and ongoing eligibility shall be based on the youth's income and need as determined according to rule 441—187.12(234).